

**MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON  
TAX POLICY**

**Tuesday, March 27, 2007**

**3:00 P.M.**

**Room 519 House Office Building**

**Chairman Bieda** called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (16/17)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Palmer. (1/17)

**Chairman Bieda** laid **HB 4338** before the committee.

HB 4338   Sheltroun                      Income tax; deductions; withholding payments on certain cash distributions; require.

**Representative Joel Sheltroun**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Dennis Varian**, representing the Michigan Housing Council, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4338**.

The following people turned in testimony cards in support of **HB 4338** but did not wish to speak:

**Scott Schrager**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury.

**Don Olendorf**, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association.

**Matt Tomaszewicz**, representing Ottawa, Muskegon and Kalamazoo Intermediate School Districts.

**Brian Whiston**, representing Oakland Schools.

**Representative Condino** moved to report **HB 4338** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Meltzer, Steil, Pastor, Wenke, Calley. (15/17)

**NAYS:** None. (0/17)

**PASS:** None. (0/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Chairman Bieda** laid **HB 4375** and **HB 4376** before the committee.

HB 4375   Condino                      Taxation; other; specific tax on commercial rental property; create.

HB 4376 Condino Property tax; exemptions; commercial rental property; exempt, revise definition of additions and losses, and eliminate certain exemptions.

**Representative Paul Condino**, sponsor of the legislation, testified before the committee.

**Irv Lowenberg**, Southfield City treasurer, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4375** and **HB 4376**.

**Brad Ward**, representing the Michigan Association of Realtors, testified before the committee in opposition to **HB 4375** and **HB 4376**.

**Scott Schrager**, representing the Michigan Department of Treasury, testified before the committee in support of **HB 4375** and **HB 4376**.

The following people turned in testimony cards in support of **HB 4375** and **HB 4376** but did not wish to speak:

**Don Noble**, representing the Michigan Education Association.

**Louise Somalski**, representing the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan.

**Don Wotruba**, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards.

**Bill Anderson**, representing the Michigan Townships Association.

**Nell Kuhnmuench**, representing the City of Grand Rapids.

**Tom Hickson**, representing the Michigan Association of Counties.

**Summer Minnick**, representing the Michigan Municipal League.

**Brian Whiston**, representing Oakland Schools.

**Don Olendorf**, representing the Michigan Small and Rural Schools Association.

**Matt Tomasiewicz**, representing Ottawa, Muskegon and Kalamazoo Intermediate School Districts.

The following people turned in testimony cards in opposition to **HB 4375** and **HB 4376** but did not wish to speak:

**Dawn Crandal**, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

**Tricia Kinley**, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

**Mickey Knight**, representing the Michigan Assessors Association.

**Del Chenault**, representing the Building Owners and Managers Association, turned in a testimony card in opposition to **HB 4375** but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Farrah** moved to report **HB 4375-** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltrown, Warren, Young, Wenke. (11/17)

**NAYS:** Reps. Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor. (4/17)

**PASS:** Rep. Calley. (1/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Robert Jones** moved to report **HB 4376** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Bieda, Condino, Farrah, Robert Jones, Mayes, Meisner, Melton, Sheltroun, Warren, Young, Wenke. (11/17)

**NAYS:** Reps. Meltzer, Sheen, Steil, Pastor. (4/17)

**PASS:** Rep. Calley. (1/17)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

**Representative Meltzer-** moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting on March 21, 2007. There being no objection, the minutes were approved.

**Representative Wenke** moved to excuse absent members. There being no objection, absent members were excused.

There being no further business before the committee, **Chairman Bieda** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 4:00 p.m.

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Representative Steve Bieda, Chair

Eric Esch, Committee Clerk (517) 373-0070